

COUNCIL ON AGING MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18 2014

Members Present: Annette Bender, Mara Klein Collins, Sue Culhane, James Munsey, Rev. Richard Phelps, Paul Raia

Members Absent: William Carey, Noreen Murphy

Associate Members Present: Ann Fitzgerald, Karen Nichols, Bob Tosi

Guests Present: None

1. Call to Order 5:45 pm by Mara Klein Collins

2. Citizens' Open Forum: No one

3. Minutes of the November 20, 2014 meeting approved.

4. Report of the Chair:

- discussion of responses to invitations to town officials to presentation of "Arlington COA Guide for Town Officials ("Guide")
- Responses were sparse. Two Selectmen accepted. Town Manager and others will encourage more invitees to attend.
- Presentation will be at the January 15th meeting of the COA. That meeting will begin at 4:45 pm.
- Rehearsals for the presentation were scheduled for COA members.

5. Executive Director's Report

6. Other Reports:

- Minuteman Senior Services Liaison:
- Minuteman Board met on December 3, 2014. The Auditors gave Minuteman Senior Services a good financial report. Al Norman, Legislative Advocate for the Home Care Association gave a presentation on the role of seniors in advocating for seniors with their legislators. It was very instructive and would be useful for the Arlington COA to encourage Arlington Seniors to become their own advocates.
- Friends of COA: no report

7. New Business

a) Annual Report Board Input

- Susan Carp requested COA input by January 9th, 2015. Suggestions to highlight that seniors are 20% of the population but only 0.17% of town budget goes for senior issues.

8. Old Business

a) COA Guide for Town Officials

- In light of the small response to the invitation to the "Guide" invitation, it was suggested that the COA should establish designated liaisons to Town Committees, notable to the Finance Committee.
- A review of the "Guide" presentation was done with suggestions noted by Maura Klein Collins.

9. Other Business

10. Adjourn